Council on Postsecondary Education Committee on Equal Opportunities March 25, 2013

Status: Statewide Diversity Planning and Support Programs

The following information focuses on diversity activities and initiatives since the Committee on Equal Opportunities met January 28, 2013.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program Statewide Conference: The 13TH Annual GMSCPP Statewide Conference will be hosted by Morehead State University in June 2013. Hundreds of students from across Kentucky are expected to participate in the conference; the event promotes careers in the STEM-H field.

GMSCPP Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference: The 26TH Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference will be hosted by Eastern Kentucky University, June 28-29, 2013. Participation in this conference by students and parents is voluntary. The partners for this conference are the Council on Postsecondary Education and Eastern Kentucky University.

2013 University of Kentucky Engineers Day Open House: The Engineers Day Open House was held on the University of Kentucky's central campus, February 23, 2013. Contests, demonstrations, and lab viewings were presented to students from across the state. Several GMSCPP programs participated in the event: University of Kentucky, Hopkinsville Community College, and Somerset Community College.

SREB Doctoral Scholars Program: Planning for the fall 2013 Teaching and Mentoring Institute took place during a meeting of the state Doctoral Scholars Regional Advisory Committee, January 31-February 1, 2013. The Teaching and Mentoring Institute will be held October 31-November 3, 2013, in Arlington, Virginia. The institute is designed for scholars currently supported by the Kentucky Doctoral Scholars Program. The Kentucky program is implemented collaboratively by the Council, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville to help students complete the doctorate more quickly and to encourage them to go into the professoriate.

As of March 15, 2013, 33 students are currently matriculating at Kentucky institutions—32 percent of these students are in the STEM areas. There are 69 graduates/program completers.

CPE Meeting Dates: The CPE meeting dates for 2013 are April 17-18, June 19-20, September 12-13 (Governor's Conference on Trusteeship), and November 14-15.

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